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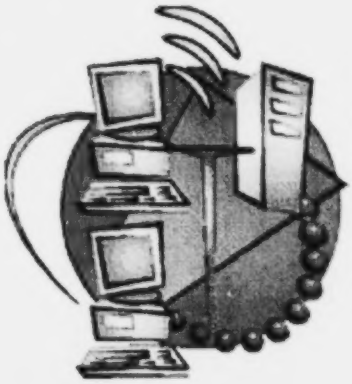
NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

C@P - Community Access Program



The Community Access Program has quite a presence in our region. Seven of the AVRL library branches have received establishment funding. Five proposals were approved in the year 2000. The benefits from CAP have been many; new computers, digital cameras, etc. The greatest benefits to the public from this program has been the availability of staff to do programming.

Four of these five locations have been providing one-on-one tutorials, seniors' sessions, after school programming and structured workshops. Calendars are produced to announce and promote the service. The summer months will be busy with the possibility of as many as six youth delivering similar programs. It is hoped that the funding from one source or another will provide some training and programming throughout the fall and winter.

Staffing

A "Youth Internship Program" was approved through HRDC for a 42 week period. This youth is providing similar programming to what is available through CAP in three locations within Annapolis County.

EDnet Connections

The branches that have been upgraded with DSL lines are quite pleased with the results. The remainder of the branches are patiently waiting for some relief.

Smart Communities

The Smart Communities Demonstration project will take on several roles with public libraries. 100 service kiosks will be distributed within Annapolis and Digby Counties. A kiosk will be placed in each of the public libraries in this area. The partnership with Western Counties and AVRL will produce a vibrant, interactive virtual library as a project under the Smart Communities Initiative.

The promotions around Smart Communities will be a very important part of the three year project and libraries will enjoy some high-profile exposure.

Workshops

Two workshop series are being offered in the Annapolis Royal and Middleton branches, courtesy of the Western Valley Development Authority Mentoring Program. One is a Professional Development series where career-related topics are highlighted, while the other is a set of Marketing workshops directed at present and future business owners.

Branch News

The Windsor Branch was host to a Hackmatack author reading by Elizabeth MacLeod on May 17. Elizabeth MacLeod is the author of the 2001-award nominated title *Alexander Graham Bell*. Thirty-five enthusiastic children, plus adults, attended the event.

All branch staff took part in a one-day workshop (held over 3 days to accommodate all staff) in late April. Topics included: Library Media Awareness; TAOS upgrades; Virtual Library Project.

AVRL was fortunate to have two Library and Information Technology students on staff for a 5-week period recently. Sarah Risk and Lori Noseworthy were assisting in various departments and at various locations.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

The caring, concerned staff at Sydney's McConnell have started a drive to raise money for cancer research. The initiative began last month, and involves the staff donating a variety of items, which are raffled off to raise money. The money raised will be donated in memory of former staff member Lee Robinson who succumbed to cancer in 1991. Each week a staff member donates a prize, which is drawn for at the end of the week. Ticket sales are going well; so far CBRL has raised close to $300. The baked goods, which go for $0.25 each, are selling like hot cakes (pardon the pun)!

Donnie Ward won the Easter cake AND the tole painted wooden shelf; Rita Marman won the mystery prize (2 tickets for the movies, candies and a few other goodies); JoAnne MacSween won the case of pop. The handicrafts have been impressive, especially the original painting donated by Faye Macdougall. Faye's painting of Cape Smokey was so good that CBRL opened up the ticket sales, and is selling them to the general public. All monies raised will be donated to the Cancer Society on the first Sunday in October, when the Cape Breton Regional Library's team will have a team in the "Run for a Cure" marathon.

The Cape Breton Regional Library continues to receive support and encouragement from the daily newspaper, the Cape Breton Post. The Post has been especially

generous to the Summer Reading Programme. Last year they donated a mountain bike which was awarded to a Summer Reader. The paper, along with Cape Breton County Economic Development Authority, is again lending a hand to Summer Reading by featuring the programme in the next "Good News" page. This page is co-sponsored by the CBCEDA and the Cape Breton Post. The page which appears every second Monday is devoted to success stories. Hopefully the publicity will translate in an increase in the number of children who register for the program in 2001.

Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CBRL)

Truro branch library participated in the International Tulip Festival with a new partnership with the Truro Kinsmen and Kinettes.

Each year these groups raise a new Canadian flag on Civic Square on the Saturday nearest to Mother's Day. In April, eight elementary schools were invited to submit essays on why they were proud to be Canadian and the winners from each grade level received their awards during the flag raising ceremony. Students of the winning essays had their work displayed on the bulletin board in the Youth Department with officials and the public invited in to see their efforts after the cutting of the large Canada cake.

Colchester Adult Learning Association (CALA) holds adult classes 4 days a week in the Truro branch during the regular school year. Teachers and students from these classes are receiving computer instruction in the Gates Learning Center with the students completing an assignment in Word with at least two Internet references. The teachers have noticed an increase in the confidence of the adult learners and now several students are bringing their families into the Gates Learning Centre to learn on the Internet.

On May 11, Lynda Marsh, Administrator, Youth Services, was one of 60 judges who participated in the Regional Heritage Fair. The event was held at the Truro Campus of the NSCC where displays from Cumberland, Pictou, Colchester and East Hants were proudly presented. Musicians, dancers and table displays encompassed many aspects of the varied heritage of Nova Scotia.

Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

Joyce Rankin, Family Reading program assistant, initiates several young persons to the joys of children's e-books at the recent Port Hawkesbury trade show *Strait into Spring*.

With funding from a University Co-op grant, Shaun Hooper, an information technology student at UCCB, has been hired for the summer months. Shaun will be assisting staff with the installation of new computers and scanners and upgrading older equipment. The purchase of this equipment has been made possible through an Industry Canada grant. Shaun will also be offering public training sessions. The Industry Canada grant has also allowed the library to increase open hours in several branches; as well, some hours are being set aside for one-on-one public computer training sessions.

Sandra Dixon celebrates 30 years as staff member at the Canso Branch Library. With Sandra is Joseph Walsh, Vice-Chair of the Library Board.

A student hired through the Young Canada Works program, will be assisting headquarters staff to re-organize work and storage areas. The shift from mobile library services to Libr@ry Links services has had an impact on the headquarters backup services. An extra pair of hands to get everything in order for the fall will be most welcome. A complete inventory of the headquarters' children's collection is planned for August.

Linda Johns, author, artist and healer of little creatures, visited three of the region's libraries thanks to a Canada Council grant. Left: Linda reads from "Wild and Woolly Tails" to a fascinated audience at the Mulgrave Branch.

Contract and student workers have already begun to prepare the library's 2nd Annual Book Sale which will take place on July 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Mulgrave during the Scotia Days festivities.

Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

Summer Reading Programme 2001: Don't Bug Me! I'm Reading!

Registration for the summer reading programme begins the week of June 26 for library branches, and June 4 for the Mobile libraries and Outreach Services. Most branches

will be hosting a kick-off party, with more specific information being found in the guide's local branch pages. The programme is broken down into two groups: The Book Buddies Reading Club - for pre-readers ages 3 and up who participate with their reading buddy; and The Independent Readers Reading Club - for ages 5 and up.

Every branch of the Halifax Regional Library is hosting special reading club events that will set children all a-buzz with excitement for this reading adventure. There will also be programme wrap-up parties to finish off the summer reading event.

Woodlawn CAP Site Opening

Dartmouth East CAP Opening: Left to Right - Councillor Bruce Hetherington; Branch Manager, Charby Slemin; MLA Dr. Jim Smith, and Betty Thomas, Vice-Chair of HRL Board cut the cake to celebrate the official opening of this community resource.

The Dartmouth East CAP site - a joint initiative between the Dartmouth Literacy Network and the Woodlawn Public Library has been awarded a grant of $20,000 through the Community Access Program, a joint venture of Industry Canada and the Nova Scotia Technology and Science Secretariat. The project will make community resources and training available for approximately 28,500 people. The CAP site will offer free Internet and E-mail access, training, word processing, printing, and presentation, promotion, and educational software programmes. This service is available to the public six days a week, including evenings, for a total of 50 hours per week.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

Left: Author and journalist, Harry Thurston, gave a well-attended book reading and signing in May as he read from his recently published book of poems, *If Men Lived On Earth*.

Membership in the Pictou County Writer's Group is still growing. Over fifty members are now registered with founder Ray Pierce. Plans are being made for creative writing and manuscript preparation workshops sometime next fall.

The Adopt A Library Literacy (A.A.L.L.) Program continues to garner corporate support here in the county as Atlantic Super Store recently donated 500 reusable cloth bags in conjunction with Pictou County Policing Services. PARL staff and patrons should appreciate them for many years to come. A.A.L.L. founder R.C.M.P. Constable John Kennedy was in Halifax May 25 to speak on CBC Radio's Maritime Noon with host Costas Halavrazos about the success of the program. You can visit www.parl.ns.ca/adoptalibrary/program.htm for an overview.

This year's winner of the annual Children's Choice Hackmatack Book Award for fiction was Kathy Kacer of Ontario.

Her book, *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* won by a decisive margin as the favourite of many children in this category around the Maritimes. The book tells the gripping tale of how Kathy's mother Gabi was hidden in a dresser to escape German soldiers while searching their home in Czechoslovakia during World War Two. As part of the Hackmatack reading tour, Kathy gave three readings at PARL.

In CAP news, on the evening of May 28, the new River John Library and Innovation Centre hosted a reception to recognize the contribution of time and effort by CAP site volunteers and trainers to the program since its inception.

Community landscaping day was June 2 in River John. 25 volunteers attended and did

all the labour. Local companies donated everything from garden design, to asphalt work to plants and fill. The Image Committee of the Strategic Plan (We're Working Wonders) organized all the donations and work to be done. They calculated it would have cost over $12,000 if a commercial company did it, and the total cost to the Friends was only $390! Even the Chief Librarian, Eric Stackhouse, moved rocks and shoveled dirt.

The town of Westville's website is now completed. PARL staff would like to thank the Westville CAP Committee and trainer Peggy Dennis for all their work and research on the joint project. The site features a strong historical component with many pictures, both old and new. You can view their work at www.town.newglasgow.ns.ca/westville. The Pictou Library CAP site has begun a project to extend its services and reach more users by setting up a satellite site at the town Youth Center.

In closing, six computer savvy Summer Youth individuals will soon be hired to fill positions as computer technology trainers to work at some CAP sites. The popularity of this service continues to remain high with patrons as they continue to ask for one-on-one training.

South Shore Regional Library (SSRL)

It's a wrap on library's Poetry Tuesdays series!

Poets Deanna Young (left) Wanda Freeman (right) read at the final National Poetry Month series at the Bridgewater Library. Young's collection *Drunkard's Path* will be published by Gaspereau Press this October, and local poet Freeman read in an open mike spot. The Poetry Tuesdays series was made possible with the support of the Canada Council for the Arts and the League of Canadian Poets and In Celebration of National Poetry Month.

Farewell to a Friend of the Library

Staff and board members were saddened to learn of the recent death of Bernadette (Bernie) Schmid. A graduate of Mount St. Vincent University and Dalhousie University Library School, Bernie was a reference librarian at Killam Library, Dalhousie for several years before moving to a similar position at Seneca College, Toronto. She later became a professor of information technology at Seneca and, on her retirement, moved to Bayswater with her husband George. She maintained her library interest by becoming an active member of the South Shore Regional Library Board.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

"Talking bear" on loan to Library

Spinoza, the CNIB's talking bear created in 1997, will be visiting several libraries throughout the region during the next few months. CNIB provides bears to blind and visually impaired children under the age of 10 who were enrolled in the CNIB. The Spinoza bear is part of the Talking Book Program and the first recipient of a Spinoza bear in Nova Scotia was Devin Roach. Other recipient include Kimi Kownick of Coldbrook, Tara Sawler of Halifax and Andre d'Entremont of West Pubnico.

Sponsor for Summer Reading Programme

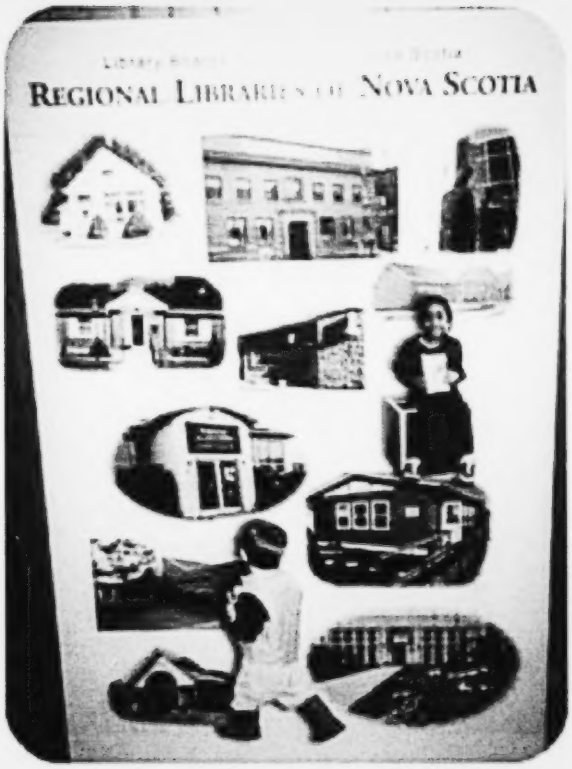
The summer reading program for WCRL is being sponsored by McDonald's Restaurant. With McDonald's sponsorship the library has organized the "Who Wants to be a McMillionaire" reading programme. Children registering for the program will receive a McMillionaire booklet to record the number of books read. For every four books read, children will qualify to sit in the "hot seat" and answer a skill testing question. In keeping with the province wide bug theme, many of the questions will be "bug related." Every opportunity to ensure a successful answer will be provided. Once a question has been successfully answered, participants receive a McDonald's prize and will advance to the next level. After three levels, their names are entered into a grand prize draw (scooter and helmet) for their county.

Guest author and 2000-01 Hackmatack nominee Linda Granfield is shown captivating her young audience with stories from her book *Circus*.

Granfield visited the Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library on May 16 and the Yarmouth branch on May 17.

LIBRARY BOARDS ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA CONFERENCE

The Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia explored the wealth of connections between libraries and communities at the group's annual conference in early May at White Point, May 4-6. The role that regional public libraries play in community development generated a great deal of discussion during this successful conference. Jim Lotz, author of *Father Jimmy: the life and times of Father Jimmy Tompkins and The Lichen factor: the quest for community development in Canada*, started things off with a keynote address that drew on his years of experience in community development.



The Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia had a display made for the conference.

The "Regional Libraries of Nova Scotia" display shows examples of library buildings from each region.

Sam Coghlan and George Stock, from Oxford County Library in Ontario, provided some insights into their approach to community partnerships. They also spoke about their experiences as a pilot site for Service Canada, an initiative of the Treasury Board. An expression of interest in implementing the Service Canada program in Nova Scotia is currently under development by a partnership of regional libraries, regional development authorities, and CAP sites.

Regional libraries in various parts of the province are involved in community development in different ways. A panel composed of representatives from libraries and regional development authorities showed the conference how libraries can make a difference in their communities.

Left to right: Association President Alan Wilson and The Honourable Jane Purves, Minister of Education, made a presentation of an Order of Merit to Rod MacArthur, LBANS Past President and former Chair and member of the Cape Breton Regional Library Board.

The Honourable Jane Purves, Minister of Education, spoke at the annual banquet, assuring LBANS members that provincial appointments to regional library boards would be forthcoming, and she fielded questions the following morning at a Town Hall session. Next year LBANS' Annual Meeting will be held in June to coincide with the Canadian Library Association's Conference in Halifax. A joint conference with the Nova Scotia Library Association will be held in Yarmouth in the fall of 2002.

VISUNET CANADA

Nova Scotia libraries and the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB) Library in Toronto have signed a VISUNET CANADA partnership agreement. The agreement includes all public, university, and community college libraries in Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia is the second province to sign such an inclusive province-wide license.

A growing network of libraries across Canada offers the VISUNET CANADA Partners Program. The program provides print-disabled library users with access to the CNIB Library collection of over 50,000 titles in alternate formats such as braille, audio, descriptive video and electronic text. Users can search and place holds from an online catalogue, and access full-text versions of books, encyclopaedias and many other digital materials, as well as many daily newspapers and magazines, using the telephone or the Internet.

One of the highlights of the partnership is the extension of CNIB library services to all print disabled Nova Scotians. These services were formerly available only to those with

a visual impairment. The VISUNET CANADA program is available to all Nova Scotians who are print disabled because of blindness, visual impairment, physical disability, or a learning disability.

The beginning of this new service was marked by a media release http://www.ednet.ns.ca/news and a resolution introduced in the House of Assembly by Minister of Education Jane Purves, congratulating libraries and the CNIB for working together to provide this new service.

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (SLIS)

SLIS Students Win Graduation Prizes and Awards

The faculty and staff of SLIS take very great pleasure in congratulating this year's winners of the Graduating Class Prizes, conferred following convocation ceremonies on May 24. The Director's Award, for the student with the highest academic achievement, goes to David Spratley, graduating with a combined MLIS/LLB degree.

The Atlantic Provinces Library Association Award, given to the student who, in the opinion of faculty, shows the most professional promise, was given to Kim Frail. Kara Thompson has won the Louis Vagianos Medal, awarded to a student who combines the capacity for blending originality with practical thinking and the courage to seek solutions to professional problems outside the mainstream.

The Ann Galler Award was given to Margaret Aliharan. This is awarded by the Special Libraries Association (Eastern Canada Chapter) to the student who demonstrates the greatest interest and achievement in the area of special libraries. Heather Hamilton has won the Leadership Award, for significant service to the overall programme of the School.

Finally, the Information Technology Prize, given for demonstrating the greatest understanding and range of capabilities with computer-based activities, was conferred on Rebecca Larocque. While we are rightly proud of all of our graduates, there is no doubt that these students have some particular strengths which will take them far.

Editor's note: Heidi has accepted a new teaching position at the University of Alberta and will no longer be able to contribute to The Disseminator. Her personal touch to this column, which she started, will be missed! Best of luck, Heidi, and thank you for your regular and timely pieces. However, future columns will continue to highlight other projects ongoing at the School. For further information about these or any other SLIS activities and programmes contact the Director, Bertrum MacDonald, at macdonal@is.

dal.ca, (902) 494-2472 or visit the web site at: http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Technical Services Staffing

On May 7, Amy Russell joined our Acquisitions Unit to job-share the position of Senior Acquisitions Clerk with Jane Lockwood. Amy comes to us from Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations where she worked in two separate job sharing situations. Since this is the first job-share ever at the Provincial Library, we are grateful for Amy's experience with this work model! Amy moved to the Provincial Library with the aim of widening her experience after 12 years in the same section at Service Nova Scotia and says she has found the work a real learning experience so far. Both Jane and Amy are enjoying the flexibility that comes with reduced hours, especially as we head into the summer months.

As well, Stacey Cote's casual position has been extended for a period of six months so that work can continue on the recon of Nova Scotia Provincial Library collections.

HOT TIPS & UPDATES

HACKMATACK ANNOUNCES THE WINNERS OF THE 2001 AWARD

The winners of the Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award 2001 were announced at the final ceremony on May 20, at the Alderney Landing Theatre in Dartmouth. Kathy Kacer, the author of *The Secret of Gabi's Dresser* won in the fiction category, while Andy Turnbull with Debora Pearson received the nonfiction Hackmatack Award for their book *By Truck to the North: My Arctic Adventure*. (Debora Pearson was not able to be present for the ceremony.)

Thousands of young readers in the Atlantic region voted for their favourite Canadian books. "My students thoroughly enjoyed the reading and the voting," commented a teacher from New Brunswick school, "they take it very seriously!" Fourteen nominated

authors attended the Hackmatack Award ceremony. The final event marked the end of this year's award week, during which Canadian authors visited sixty-three participating schools and libraries in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and the Prince Edward Island.

Information on the Hackmatack Award 2001-2002, including French Hackmatack nominations, will soon be available on the website at www.hackmatack.ca.

APLA CONFERENCE NEWS

Canadian Content on the Web: An overview of the Canadian Digital Cultural Content Initiative

One of the many interesting sessions which took place during APLA 2001 Conference featured René Bouchard, Director General, Department of Canadian Heritage, who discussed the importance of having a Canadian presence on the Internet and described efforts by the Department to promote and facilitate access to Canadian cultural content on the World Wide Web. Mr. Bouchard gave an overview of the new Canadian Digital Cultural Content Initiative (or CDCCI), launched in the Spring of 2001. The CDCCI is a partnership between the Department of Canadian Heritage and institutions and organizations across Canada, and aims to encourage the development of Canadian digital content to make it available on the World Wide Web. For more information on CDCCI visit the website at http://www.pch.gc.ca/cdcci-icccn. The CDCCI website also includes grant funding information and information about the Gateway to Canadian Cultural Content Online portal, to be launched in the Spring of 2002.

Connecting for Continuing Education

Library Technicians and Librarians from the Atlantic provinces gathered to discuss issues of continuing education and lifelong learning at a session called *Connecting for Continuing Ed*, led by moderator Marie DeYoung, Director of Library Services, Nova Scotia Community College (NSCC). Judy Dunn, Programme Coordinator, School of Library and information Studies, Dalhousie University, Marlene Mortimore, Faculty, Library and Information Technology, NSCC and Gillian Webster, Information Services and Network Librarian at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library facilitated a brainstorming session and small group discussions.

Attendees talked about issues such as types of courses and accreditation needed, cost, and accessibility of expert, relevant continuing education programming. There is clearly a strong desire for various programmes, particularly distance education. Much of the discussion also focused on facilitating the path for library technicians interested in upgrading to professional degrees, and on defining post-graduate diplomas or certificates for professional librarians.

The panellists also held a brief question and answer session in which they described some of their current programmes. The session was sponsored by the Continuing Education and Library Technicians Interest Groups. For more information about ongoing discussions in this area, please contact Marie DeYoung, Head of the Continuing Education Interest Group at deyounme@nscc.ns.ca.

Council on Youth Services (COYS)/Summer Reading Programme Update

This year's spring meeting of the Council on Youth Services (COYS) took place at the Provincial Library on May 18. There was a presentation of the new Summer Reading Programme (SRP) promotional material by Arlene Watts. The forest green t-shirts and sweatshirts, in particular, proved to be extremely popular! This was followed by a discussion about and decision to place a second order of SRP promotional material by mid June. The Group is currently voting on a theme for the Summer Reading Programmes for the next two years in an effort to speed the production process along. Michael Colborne reported that the Library Public Awareness Group (LPA) has been working to obtain sponsorship for year 2002.

The representatives from each regional library talked about their upcoming plans for the events planned to kick off the SRP, which starts on June 16 for most regions. A number of regional libraries have hired students or have their Teen Friends of the Library working on the SRP. Events include games and crafts days, school visits, and library visits by entomologists. A province wide media release will be coordinated by the Provincial Library, in conjunction with the Halifax Regional Library launch on Tuesday, June 19 at Alderney Gate Theatre.

Much to the delight of everyone, Heather MacKenzie of the Halifax Regional Library distributed activity books produced by students with the library technicians programme and the printing technology programme at the Halifax campus of the Nova Scotia Community College. HRL will once again make SRP certificates available to the other regions.

Heather Mackenzie and Arlene Watts gave a short update on the Hackmatack activities which were culminating on May 19 in a ceremony at Alderney Gate Theatre with the announcement of the winners for fiction and non-fiction. The COYS group expressed

hope that the Hackmatack board would ensure representation of local authors among the nominations in future years.

FEATURE INTERVIEW

Submitted by Lynn Duquette, Librarian, Department of Education:

Lynn Duquette, Librarian, Department of Education, found time in a busy schedule to meet with her counterparts at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, and to take a tour of Learning Resources and Technology. Lynn quickly invited staff to visit her at the Department of Education Library.

"Arriving in Nova Scotia in late 1987 with a BA and work experience from three different public libraries in Ontario, I needed a change. I planned to get my degree in library science and thought that Dalhousie could be the place to do that.

I found employment quite quickly as the Evening Circulation Supervisor at the McDonald Science Library at Dalhousie. It was one of the most beautiful library buildings I have ever been in, despite it's perceived shortcomings. I left in 1989 to begin library school when the building ceased to be the Science Library and was taken over for administrative functions at Dalhousie.

During my time at Dalhousie's Library School, 1989-1991, I worked at Saint Mary's University, Patrick Power Library. I worked part-time during both years of library school and full time over the summer between first and second year of library school. I learned a great deal at Saint Mary's about reference work and appreciate the contacts and experience I gained while there.

Library school graduation had me considering a move out of the province. As fate would have it I found a job in Nova Scotia at the Dalhousie Law Library. I spent several years at Dalhousie, 1991-2000. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the students and faculty in the academia. I also really enjoyed working with the subject area. A law library is not a typical library due to the research nature of the collection and the complexities of dealing with some legal subjects. I did a great deal of reference work, writing of guides, doing tutorials, working with the legal research and writing instructors as well as administrative duties. The biggest surprise about being an academic librarian is the amount of teaching one does, whether in a subject tutorial, formal classroom instruction or one on one, teaching is a major component of the job. As with all things, there comes a time when a change has to come.

After leaving Dalhousie I again considered a move. Looking around at the possibilities and places left me thinking, "maybe not." I have come to like living in Nova Scotia and decided to stay here and look for a position here.

I worked part -time for the Nova Scotia Community College Libraries from November 2000 until April 2001 when I assumed the position at the Department of Education Library. As a part -time librarian for the Community College I had the opportunity to participate in the exciting and challenging initiatives that are occurring as the Community College system grows. In the position I performed administrative functions, development of subject guides for community college programs and collections work. A wonderful experience, a great group of librarians with great prospects as the Community College system grows and takes it's place in the educational structure in the province.

I started at the Department of Education as the Departmental Librarian in April 2001. It is a very different library for me since I have always worked with outside users, the public or students/faculty. The library serves as a resource library for the department. The library exists to support the activities and research of the department. I do reference and collections work, database design and maintenance. Many types of library services such as ILL, journal routing, table of contents distribution are offered to the departmental staff. I look forward to a long association with the department and the librarians that I am meeting in my new position. And my desire to move has diminished. I have decided that there is no place that I would rather be right now than in Nova Scotia---it only took me the better part of a decade to come to that conclusion. But if a job in Bermuda, Barbados, or some such place came along, well then I might reassess my plan!"

REFERENCE ON THE NET

Here are some more reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries. They were answered using resources found on the Internet.

Q. Would like information on antique golf clubs, specifically prices and the history of them.

A. Kovels Online at http://www.tias.com/stores/kovels is a good source for this. In the search box on the right side of the page, enter the keywords "+golf +club". (The plus sign before each word ensures that both are in each record which is found.) This brings up a list of categories which have items with these keywords. The "sports" category has 51 items and when you click on this, you will find that these are all golf clubs including some antique ones. The year in which the item appears in the print copy of Kovels is given for each item so if you have a collection of the print Kovels, you can look up the price there. Another useful source is the Collecting section of the Google Web Directory at http://directory.google.com/Top/Recreation/Collecting. At this page follow the links Sports>Golf to http://directory.google.com/Top/Shopping/Sports/Golf/Antiques_and_Collectibles where there are a large number of links including Antique Golf Clubs from Scotland at http://www.antiquegolfscotland.com and Antique Golf at http://www.antiquegolf.com which have listings of antique golf clubs each with a picture, the maker, date and price. Antique Golf Clubs from Scotland also has some historical notes on the various club makers.

Q. Would like information on hemp growing and the manufacture of products from it in Nova Scotia as well as wholesale and retail outlets for it.

A. At the Nova Scotia Department of Agriculture and Fisheries web site at http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/home.htm click on the search icon and enter the keyword "hemp" in the search box. This brings up 30 documents including the fulltext of "A Maritime Industrial Hemp Product Marketing Study" at http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/marketing/research/hempms02.htm which has information on growing and processing it as well as a listing of key growers and processors. It also retrieves the Nova Scotia Institute of Agrologists Newsletter, January 1999 at http://www.gov.ns.ca/nsaf/nsia/newslets/9901.htm which

has an article on "Industrial Hemp" by Dwane Mellish P.Ag. This article has a link to Health Canada Regulations on Industrial Hemp at http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hpb-dgps/therapeut/htmleng/hemp.html. One of the items here is an Adobe Acrobat document titled "List of Individuals Licensed to Sell or Provide Industrial Hemp" which is arranged by province.

LINKed

According to the Calendar of Events at the Canadian Heritage site at http://www.pch.gc.ca/calen/english.htm, May 22-25 is Aboriginal Awareness Week: Sensibilisation aux Cultures Autochtones. Also, National Aboriginal Day is June 21st and information about it can be found at http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/nad/index_e.html. To help celebrate these two events some Internet sites which have links to lots of information on Canada's aboriginal peoples are featured in this month's LINKed column.

The Aboriginal Canada Portal at http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca is a bilingual site produced through a partnership between the Government of Canada and several national aboriginal organizations. It has a very comprehensive collection of links to Canadian aboriginal online resources including organizations, government programs and services at the federal and provincial levels, and language, heritage and culture information. There is also fulltext of a number of claims and treaties.

Aboriginal Connections at http://www.aboriginalconnections.com is produced by Rob Wesley, a member of the Constance Lake First Nation Reserve, Calstock, Ontario. It is an award winning directory-style site with links to Canadian Aboriginal, Native American Indian and International Indigenous web sites. The annotated links are organized by topic including First Nations, History and Culture, Law, Literature, Media, and Organizations. There is a listing of "Top 100" sites which are determined by number of hits. The "What's New" section provides listings of new site links which have been added.

Aboriginal Links: Canada & U.S. at http://www.bloorstreet.com/300block/aborcan.htm is maintained by Bill Henderson, a lawyer who specializes in aboriginal and treaty issues and other rights and concerns of First Nations. It is a very comprehensive directory but you have to browse to find what you want because the links on this page aren't organized by topic. Especially useful for information on aboriginal treaties, acts, and laws.

The Native Trail at http://www.nativetrail.com/nativetrail/index.html is a popular site with information on Canadian aboriginals arranged by province and territory. It was produced by Le Groupe Cleary Consulting Group, a native firm.

First Nations SchoolNet is part of Canada's SchoolNet at http://www.schoolnet.ca/aboriginal It is a bilingual site which includes links to curriculum resources, cultural resources, information on first nations communities and organizations and legal and health information.

The Aboriginal Awareness section of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada at http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/ch/abaw/index_e.html has profiles of all First Nations communities across Canada and historical information in the "First Nations in Canada" link.

Web sites which were featured in previous "LINKed" columns are now arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/reference/index.html. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.

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